

ADVISORY OPINION 91-17 [**1991-9**]

The Ethics Commission has received your request for advice dated April 3, 1991. Your request relates the following facts: The County agency with which you are affiliated has received an invitation to send a representative to a seminar to be held in Europe in mid-May 1991.

The seminar will present an educational program on international investing. Since the agency with which you work is charged with the obligation of investing funds, the information to be presented at the seminar is directly related to the mission of the agency.

The seminar is sponsored, at least in part, by an entity that has a contract with the agency with which you are affiliated. The sponsors of this seminar will assume the costs associated with attending the seminar. The Commission understands that this invitation was unsolicited and that the agency would like you to attend as part of your regular work duties.

Section 19A-16(e) allows a public employee to accept an unsolicited gift made for the benefit of a County agency. Accordingly, the Commission has concluded that you may attend this seminar.

The Ethics Commission trusts that it has responded to your inquiry. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Commission.

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